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REPLY TO:

SE MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE  
38980 SEVEN MILE RD  
LIVONIA MI 48152-1006

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Mr. Jason El-Zein  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5  
Emergency Response Branch  
9311 Groh Road, Room 216  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138-1697

Re: Durako Paint & Color Corp., 6315 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, Wayne County, MI  
MID005326673

Dear Mr. El-Zein:

On June 25, 1997 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) staff responded to a complaint at the above mentioned site. Upon investigation, staff observed approximately (3000) 55-gallon drums of paint related material located inside the building and on a storage lot off Filer Street. The threat of release at the site poses an immediate health risk to the residents and environment. The property is now tax reverted and owned by the State of Michigan. With this letter the MDEQ is requesting USEPA assistance with the cleanup at this site.

The MDEQ Waste Management Division and Underground Storage Tank Division maintain files on Durako. I am enclosing a copy of the complaint and photographs for your review. Please keep me apprised of field activities. Feel free to contact me at (313) 953-1474 if you require additional information. Thank you for your assistance in the matter.

Sincerely,

Ray Spaulding  
Environmental Response Division

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Mary Vanderlaan, MDEQ